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Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2006.

Applicant has amended claim 59 to incorporate the limitations of claim 72 which has been indicated as being allowable. Claims 70, 71 and 72 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of claim 59, as previously presented, in a continuation application.

Additionally, claim 65 has been amended to correct two inadvertent typographical errors. See U.S. Patent No. 5,560,814 which is incorporated by reference on page 11, line 3 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have requested that the title of the application in the formal records of the US PTO be amended in accordance with the title of the specification as filed: METHOD FOR CLEANING AND POLISHING METALLIC ALLOYS AND ARTICLES CLEANED OR POLISHED THEREBY. The formal papers were executed for the specification and claims as filed. However, the formal papers including the declaration and the assignment inadvertently recited a title different from that of the specification. Therefore there is a discrepancy between the title of the application in the specification and the title in the USPTO records as shown in the filing receipt. Applicants believe that the title of the specification more accurately reflects the subject matter of the claims as the currently stand.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Final Office Action dated June 7, 2006, page 6, it is indicated that claims 72-73 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent claim 59 to

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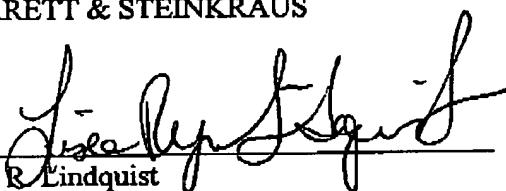
incorporate the limitations of claim 72 and has amended claim 73 to depend from claim 59. Claims 70-72 have been canceled accordingly. Claim 74 has also been amended to depend from claim 73. Support for this amendment is found on page 7, lines 4-7. This is one embodiment of a platinum enriched stainless steel. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Claims 59, 61-66, 68-69, 71 and 73-74 are pending in the application. Applicant has amended the independent claim to incorporate the limitations of claim 72 which was indicated as allowable in the Final Office Action dated June 7, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests an early allowance of the claims as presented. Should any issues remain, the attorney of record may be reached at (952)563-3011 to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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